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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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<p>2. Citations and explanations:</p> <p>1 Reference is made to the following documents:</p> <p>D1: DE-A-19546909 D2: DE-A-19546906 D3: JP-A-2001294127</p> <p>1.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claims 1-10 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).</p> <p>2 Claim 1:</p> <p>2.1 D1 discloses (the references between parentheses apply to this document):</p> <p>a windscreen wiper device (abstract) for a motor vehicle, with at least one wiper bearing (figures 1, 2, 3, reference sign 4) which supports at least one wiper shaft (figures 1, 4, reference sign 3) which has at least one recess (figures 1, 4, reference sign 15) in which a securing means (figures 1, 4, reference sign 14) for axially securing the wiper shaft (3) in the wiper bearing (4) is arranged,</p>																				

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which securing means can be displaced by the action of a defined axial force component on the wiper shaft (3), as a result of which the wiper shaft (3) can be displaced in relation to the wiper bearing (4), with the securing means (14) having a bushing section (figures 1, 4) with an indentation (figures 1, 4, reference sign 14) which engages in the recess (15) of the wiper shaft (3) (figures 1, 4).

- 2.2 These features correspond to the features cited in claim 1. The subject matter of **claim 1** is therefore not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).
- 2.3 It should furthermore be taken into consideration that the content of **D2** and **D3** (pursuant to PCT Article 33(2)) is prejudicial to the novelty of the subject matter of **claim 1** (see D2, figures 1-11, reference signs 3, 12, 18, 21, 22, 24, 31; D3, figure 7, reference signs 3, 5, 32, 51, 52).
- 3 Dependent **claims 2-10** do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty, see **D1-D3**, namely
 - for the subject matter of **claim 2** (**D1**, figures 1, 4, reference sign 14; **D2**, figures 1-11, reference signs 21, 22; **D3**, figure 7, reference sign 51),
 - for the subject matter of **claim 3** (**D1**, figures 1, 4, reference sign 15; **D2**, figures 1-11, reference sign 18; **D3**, figure 7, reference sign 32),
 - for the subject matter of **claim 4** (**D1**, figures 1,

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4, reference sign 14; **D2**, figures 1-11, reference signs 21, 22),
- for the subject matter of **claim 5** (**D1**, figures 1, 4, reference sign 13; **D2**, figures 1-11, reference signs 9, 10),
- for the subject matter of **claim 6** (**D1**, figures 1, 4, reference signs 2, 13),
- for the subject matter of **claim 7** (**D1**, figures 1, 4; **D2**, figures 1-11),
- for the subject matter of **claim 8** (**D1**, figures 1, 4; **D2**, figures 1-11),
- for the subject matter of **claim 9** (**D1**, figures 1, 4; **D2**, figures 1-11; **D3**, figure 7),
- for the subject matter of **claim 10** (**D2**, figures 9, 11, reference signs 1, 30).